

Caution. Kamuli District health department has resolved to delete names of heads of health centres from the payroll if they do not requisition for drugs in good time.

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KAMULI. Kamuli District leaders have issued a warning to 13 senior health workers to immediately improve their work rate and attitude or else be dismissed from the service, *Daily Monitor* has learnt.

After cases of several health centre IIIs running out of key drugs, the Kamuli District health department resolved to delete the names of the heads of the health centres from the payroll if they do not requisition for drugs in good time.

According to the resolution passed late last month, medical personnel who are in charge of health centre IIIs will also have their names deleted from the district payroll should they go about their work lazily as it appears to be the case presently.

The resolution is aimed at protecting locals who are grappling with wanting quality of services delivery

Kamuli health workers warned over laziness

not just in Kamuli District but the entire Busoga sub-region.

The deputy district health officer, Mr Moses Lyagoba, confirmed the resolution, saying it will be implemented to the latter.

Speaking at a health meeting organised by Jinja Area Community Federation (JIACOFE) recently, Mr Lyagoba said sub-county health officials dispense drugs and once they run out, they do not care to replenish their stocks.

He said: "The absence of ARVs at some health centres is due to laziness of the officers in-charge as opposed to shortage of drugs in the government stores."

He continued: "The policy is clear. Once those drugs are over, those

in charge should directly deal with the National Medical Stores (NMS), but some officers in-charge fail to requisition for drugs resulting into suffering of patients who need those medicines."

Mr Lyagoba further said drugs in the NMS never run out of stock.

"What is happening is that there are lazy health officers in-charge who fail to place orders and thereafter claim that there are no drugs at the NMS. I have been called several times by the NMS officials asking me why officers in-charge here do not requisition for drugs," he said.

It has emerged that so far, about seven health workers have been ordered to face the disciplinary committee over neglect of duty.

Health centre III

A health centre III facility is found in every sub-county in the country.

These centres have about 18 staff led by a senior clinical officer, who runs a general out-patient clinic and a maternity ward. It should also have a functioning laboratory.

It should serve about 10,000 people and provides in addition to health centre II services, in-patient, simple diagnostic and maternal health services.

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